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MEDIA OPPORTUNITY – December 12, 2017 at noon

Bar Association “Hot Talks” to Discuss Sanctuary and Deportation

WHAT: The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association will host its next “Hot Talks” conversation, titled Sanctuary and Deportation: Navigating the turbulent waters of politics, law and faith, on **Tuesday, December 12 at 12 p.m.** This free event is open to all at the CMBA Conference Center, located in One Cleveland Center.

Leading our conversation will be **Rev. John Lentz**, pastor of Forest Hill Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, and **Michael Sangiacomo**, reporter at *The Plain Dealer*. Together, they will shed light on this polarizing issue and help us all better understand the issue at hand through their own education gained through personal experiences and research. The program will be moderated by **Jennifer Keirn**, director of communications at Kohrman Jackson & Krantz and long-time board member of The Press Club of Cleveland.

After brief, introductory remarks, the floor will be open for a question and answer period.

The Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr. is the pastor and head of staff of Forest Hill Church, Presbyterian in Cleveland Heights. Rev. Lentz was born in Arlington, Va. and grew up in the D.C. area during the Civil Rights years. He graduated from Kenyon College with honors in history and received his MDiv. from Yale University Divinity School. Lentz received his MTh. and PhD. from New College, the University of Edinburgh (Scotland). His dissertation entitled "Luke's Portrait of Paul," was published by Cambridge University Press. John and his wife Deanne moved from Winchester, Va. to Cleveland Heights in 1994. They have three grown children, Jack, Meg and Sarah. Lentz has been engaged in social action and justice throughout his ministry. He serves on the Strategy Team for Greater Cleveland Congregation.

Michael Sangiacomo has been a reporter since 1972, when he worked full-time at a suburban Philadelphia newspaper while attending Temple University. He has been a general assignment reporter at *The Plain Dealer* since 1989, which means he does a little of everything including cops, features, investigations, movie and comic reviews...everything but sports. This year he became the immigration reporter, renewing a beat that he held in the more civilized 1990s. In his spare time, he writes graphic novels such as CHALK and TALES OF THE STARLIGHT DRIVE-IN. He lives in Lorain County with his wife and too many dogs.

Jennifer Keirn is the director of communications for KJK and is responsible for content and communications strategy, including social media, digital and print content. Jennifer formerly served as managing editor of *Inside Business* magazine, and is a long-time freelance writer and editor for numerous print publications, corporations, healthcare institutions and other organizations. She is also a Press Club board member who leads the organization's programming committee, serving communications professionals across Northeast Ohio.

No need to RSVP. This is a brown bag lunch event.

Hot Talks is a monthly series to address hot topics in our community. This program is co-presented by The Press Club of Cleveland. Learn more at CleMetroBar.org/HotTalks.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 12 from 12 - 1 p.m.

WHERE: CMBA Conference Center, 1375 E. 9th Street, 2nd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114

About the CMBA

The nonprofit Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association operates as a center for legal professionalism in the region, promoting the highest ethical and professional standards. Serving the largest legal community in the state, the CMBA has more than 5,200 members. Learn more at CleMetroBar.org.

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